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## PRELIMINARIES.

All musical sounds are exprefsed by certain characters, called notes, which are named from the first seven letters of the alphabet: A, B, C, D, E, F, G.
A Stave $\bar{B}$ contains five lines, and four spaces: the lowest line is called the first.
The notes are placed on the lines, or spaces; above, or under the stave; and the additional, called Ledger lines are for the higher and lower notes.

## CLEFS.

In order to determine the pitch of musical notes, certain signs, called clefs or cliffs have been invented, which are set at the beginning of the staves.

There are five in general use.
The Bats clef, on the $4{ }^{\text {th }}$ line 位屋 The Tenor clef on the $4{ }^{\text {t. }}$ line
The Counter-tenor clef on the $3^{d}$ line The Soprano clef on the 1. line
And the Treble clef on the 2. line
The Treble and Baps clefs are chiefly used for the Piano Forte:

## The Scale, or Gamut;

shewing the position, and name of the notes.
Treble


Let the Pupil now strike the notes on the instrument; taking notice, that the first long key, on the left hand, serves for the first $F$; the second loNg key for $G$; the third for A; and so on: making no other use, at present, of the short keys, than as guides to direct the eye; by observing, that between $B$ and $C$, and between $E$ and $F$, there are. no short keys; which places in the scale are distinguished thus -.

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## Remark on the foregoing Scale.

The firsteight notes in the treble-stave from G to G, are the same as the corresponding fight votes, perpendicularly under them in the bafs-stave, both in wame and sound; they are played, therefore, on the $S A m p$ keys.

As a help to memory; let the lupil contemplate the notes, sefarately, on the lines, and spaces; beginning by the five lines.


## Exercise for treble notes:



Exercise for bafs notes:

N. B. Let the Pupil first be familiarized with the notes, by readily naming them; and then find them out as readily on the instrmment.

## Intervals:

An interyai is the distance, or difference between two sounds in point of gravi _ ty or acuteness.

The least of our intervals is called a semitone, or half-tone: it is the interval, in the natural scale, between $E$ and $F$; and between $B$ and $C$. Ex:


Therfgular progrefsion of the other notes in the natural, which is also called diatonic scale, is by an interval of two semitones or a whole tone.


The interval between $C$ and $D$, between $D$ and $E$, or between any two contiguous notes, in the scale, is called a second: the interval between $C$ and $E$, or between D) and F, ©c: is called a third; and so on.

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## Example of INTERVALS



The interval of an $8^{\text {th }}$ is commonly called an octave.
N.B. The nature, and name of the intervals remain the same, whether the single notes be played successively, or whether two, or more, be struck together: the form, - er is properly called Melody; and the latter, Harmony. Example of the latter.
The notes thus taken together are also called chords;
 the succefsion of which, played from certain figures set over a bass, according to a system of rules, is denominated Thorovgh-Bass.

## Tenor, Counter-tenor, and Soprano clefs explained.

The notes written thus:
are played as if written thus:

when written thus:
are played thus:


By which it is evident, that the Tenor-notes must be played one fifth higher than the Bafs-notes: the Counter-tenor notes, one seventh higher than the Bafs-notes: and the Soprano-notes, one third lower than the Treble-notes.

It is now proper to take notice, that the bass - clef is also called the $\mathbf{F}$ - clef, as it indicates by its position where the note $F$ lies:
 the tenor, counter- -

- tenor, and soprano -clefs are called C-clefs, because they determine the place
of C :

and the treble-clef is
called the $G$-clef, being placed on the line where $G$ is found


[^1]Figure, Length, and relative Value of Notes; with their respective Rests.


A dot after a note, or rest, makes the note or rest half as long again. Ex: $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is equal to a minim and a crotchet; or to three crotchets, and so on: $P \cdot$ is equal to $F$ and so on: by which it is evident, that the dor to a minim is equal to a crotchet; and the dor to a crotchet is equal to a quaver; $d c$ : When a second dot is added to the first, the second dot is considered as the half of the first; therefore a double-dotted Crotchet, thus is equal to a crotchet, quaver, and semiquaver; or to seven semiquavers.

Let us farther illustrate this by the mark, called a rie, made thus $\rightarrow$ which, when placed between two notes of the same pitch, binds the second to the first; so that only the first is struck, but the finger must be held down the full length of both. It is therefore indifferent whether we write thus or


## Time and its Divisions.

The bar, made thas $\qquad$ divides a musical composition into equal por -tions of time.

Time is divided into two sorts; common and triple; each of which is either simple or compound: and the character or sign, which denotes it, is placed at the beginning of every composition, after the clef.

Simple common time, when marked thus
 that each bar contains one semibreve, or its equivalent.

Evainple
Whan marked thus


Evample


Four sorts of compound common time explained:


The two last sorts are very seldom used in modern music.
Simple triple tine explained.


Comporvi triple time explained.

three minims in a bar, or their equivalent.
three Crotchets in a barde:
three quavers in a bar, \&c:
nine crotchets in a bar, \&c: nine quavers in a bar, \&c:

Compound triple time is seldom used in modern music.
N. B. The contents of every bar, in common time; whether simple, or compound, may be divided, (by beating or counting) into four, or into two equal parts: and in triple time; whether simple, or compound, into three equal parts.

The figures, which mark the time, have a reference to the semibreve; the lower number, showing into how many parts the semibreve is divided; and the upper number, how many of such parts are taken to fill up abar. for example $\frac{2}{4}$ denotes, that the semibreve is divided into four parts, namely, four crotchets; and that two of them are taken for each bar: likewise ${\underset{8}{3}}^{3}$ indicates, that the semibreve is.di_ - vided into eight parts, namely, eight quavers; and that three of them are adopted to compleat a bar.

The figure of 3 placed over three crotchets, quavers or semiquavers


- formed within the time of two common crotchets, or of one minim; the three qua-
- vers within the time of two common quavers, or of one crotchet; and the three so -
- miquavers within the time of two common semiquavers, or of one quaver.
N.B. The easiest wav is to consider them all as three to one, and to beat or cint

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the time accordingly; that is, to beat the first of every 3. (N.B. Scarlatti, dud others have written three demisemiquavers to a quaver; and three semiquavers to a crotchet in some of their pietes.) The fïgure of 6 over quavers or semiquavers, means that they are to be performed within the time of four of the same kind; which is a similar case to the preceding one. The figures $5,7,9,10$ \&c: follow the same rule.

## Sharps, and Flats, 8 c.

The sharp \#placed before a note, raises it a semitone or half-tone.
Let us now observe a scale of semitones, called the chromatic scale.

N.B. The long kevs of the Piano-Forte, or Harpsichord, are commonly called the natural keys, tho theyoccasionallyserve for sharps andflats; and the short keys, are called sharps andflats, being only used for sharp andflat notes.

Now if asharp be plased before $C$, thus: the note is called Csharp; and it is found on the instrument and Dnatural; being one of the short keys: Dsharp is the short key between $D$, and $E$; but between $E$, and $F$, there is no $S_{\text {hort }}$ key; nor is it want -- ed: for the interval. betreen $E$ and $F$, is but a semitone; and therefore when we want $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{sharp}$, we strike the key generally called fnatural. Fsharp will be found between Fnatural, and Gvateral: Gsharp betweeng and Anatu-
 - dicament as E,sharp; we therefore strike C natural forit.

Therlatb placed before a note, lowers it a semitone or half-tone: and if the note is a $B$, to which the $h_{A T}$ is prefixed, it is then called $B$ flat; and it is found between Bmaturila, and Anatural, feing one of the short keys.
$\qquad$ General rule: every flat is found by going one semitone lower; that is, toward the left-hand: and every shafe, contrariwise, by going one semitone higher; that is, toward the right-rand.

The double sharp $X$ raises the mote wo semitoness and therefore, if it be F doublesharp, we strike $G \operatorname{matumal} ; \mathbb{E}$ :

The doubleflat $b$ or 克 lowners the note two semitones; and therefore we go as much to the left,for a doubleflat, as we did to theright for a double surif.

The natural takes away the effect of asharp, or aflat; whether single, or double. And 腪, or $\mathfrak{b l}$, reinstates the single sharp, or flat.

The lupil must hy this time have observed, that $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{o}}$ is struck by the Clamentic Introd:

Vow, the inconveniency of charging the memory with the varrous urses of the same keys, is but small; when compared with the impracticablenefs of perform .

- ing on an instrument, furnished with keys, perfectur corresponding with eve _
- ry flat, and sharp, single or double, which composition may require : a method therefore, has been adopted in tuning, called temperament, which,by a small deviation from the truth of every interval, except theoctave, renders the instrument capable of satisfying the ear in Everry key.

When a sharp is placed close to the clef thas it affects every $F$ throughout the piece; except where the sharp is cogtradicted by the natural.
N. 3 . The same rule holds, when there are two or more sharps at the clef; eve -

- ry one affecting its corresponling note.

When a flat is placed by the clef the piece; except where the tlat is contradicted by the natural.
N.B. The same rule holds, when there are $t$ vo or more flats at the clef; every one affecting its corresponding note.

When a sharp, flat, or natural is prefixed to a note, in the course of a piece, it affects all the following notes of the same Name, contained in the same bar: it is then called an accidental sharp, flat, or natural.

which abbreviations, are a modern improvement.
The foregoing rule extends even to the first note of the subsequent bar, when the affected note is the last of one bar, and first of the next.

Ex:


And the same wit'r flats and naturals.
The order ofsharps
at the clef.
 ascending by a $4^{\text {th }}$ and dercouding by a $5^{\text {th }}$.

## Various other marks.

Whe pause or certain cases, the composer expects some mbellishments from the perform. - er; but the pause on a rest $\mathcal{F}$ only lengthens, at pleasure, thesinence.
 performer is to return: the Italian words, al segno or dal segno, denote such a return.

The double bar $\Longrightarrow$ marks the end of a strain; or the conclusion of a piece.
The доттед bars following strain. N.B. The second part of a piece, if very long, is seldom re_ - peated; notwithstanding the do тs.

When the bars are marked thus or $\overline{\text { 为 }}$ then the strain, only on the side of the dots is to be repeated.

Abbreviations.


The best general rule, is to keep down the keys of the instrument, the full mancrio of every, note; for when the contrary is required, the notes are marked either thus: (falled in Itatian, staccato; denoting distinctiness, and short. - NESS of sound; which is produced by lifting the fingerup, as soon as it has struck the key: or they are marked thus which, when composers are exact in their writing, means $L$ esis staccato than the preceding mark; the finger, therefore, is kept down somewhat longer: or thus which means stillemess stac_ - cato: the nice degrees of more and less, however, depend on the character, a.d passion of the piece; the styme of which must be well observed by the porformer. The notes marked thus called lagato in Italian,

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must be played in'a smooth and chose manner; which is done by keeping down the first key, 'till the next is struck; by which means, the strings virate sweit, - Lyinto one anotlier.
N.B. When the composer leaves the legato, and staccato to the performer's taste; the best rule is, to adhere chiefly to the legato; reservin, the staccato to give symit occasionally to certain pafisages, and to set off the hicher ofar -ties of the zegato.
 played successively, from the lowest; with more urlef velocity, as the senti -- ment may require; keeping each note down till the time of the chord be filledup.

Chords marked thus are played as the preceding chords, with the iddition of a note Where the oblique line is put, as if writ - ten thus
 but the additiond note is not to be kept down.

Dolce or dol: means sweet, with taste; now and thenswelingeisome notes. Piano or Pia: or P, soft.
Mezzo, or mez: or mezzopiano, or poco P, or por:P, rathersoft.
Pianifsimo, or $\mathbf{P}^{\text {mo }}$ or PP, VERY soft.
Fortifsimo, or F $^{\text {mo }}$ or FF, very loud.
Forte, or For:or F, loun.
Mezzof, ormez:f, rather loud.
Forzando, or sforzando or fz or sf, to force, or give emphisis to, one note.
Rinforzando, or rinf: to swell 2, 3, or 4 notes.
Crescendo, or cres:marked sometimes thirs means gradually louder.
Decrescendo, or decres: gradually softer; the same as the following; viz:
Diminuendo, or dim: thus Gradually softer. N. B. this last mint $\quad$ often denotes anemphasis, where it is widest, and thendimi_ - Nishing.

This mark means to swelland diminish.
Arpeggio, or Arpeggiato, requires that the notes of achord shall be played asccefsively; which may be done in various ways.


Ottava, All's ${ }^{\prime 2}, 8^{8 / 2}$ alta, set over a pafsage, means that the notes are to be played an octave higher: and loco, that the notes are to be played again as they are written.
'The Appoggiatcra is agrace prefixed to a note, which is aluays played lagato, and with more or lefs emphasis; being derived from the Itamian verbappoggiare, to leanupon; and it is written inasmale note. Its lengther is borrowed from the following largenote; and ingenfral, it is half of its duration; more or less, however, aceording to the expression of the pafsage.

APPOGGIATURAS, and other GRACES in small notes explined.


Sonetimes


Sometimes the little notes are allod to give mmpasis:
Frample


> TURNS, SHAKES, and BEATS, explained.

- The Turn



Inverted turns

N.B. The lowest note of every sort of turn is mostey a memitone:

Ex: 1.


Ex 2 .

Ex: in dou
-ble notes.


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Short shake berimning by the note itself.


Turned Shake.
 Prepared shake
Continued shake.

$\qquad$

The shake legato with the preceding note, explained:

N.B. The general mark for the shake is this $h$ and composers trust chiefly tn the taste and judgment of the performer, whether it shall be long, short, transient, or tirned.

The beat


The length of the beat is determined, like that of the other graces, by the cir _ - cumstances of the pafsage.
N.B. When the note preceding the beat is an interval of asecond, let the beat a-- dopt it, whether it be a semitone or a whole to ne:

Ex:


But when the beat, is on the first note of a pafsage; or, when it follows a note, whose interval is greater than ascond, it should be made with a semitone; as the following examples will show.

Examples


Lastly, let us remark, that the beat is seldom used in modern music.

## Major, and Minor Modes or Keys; vulafly called Sharp and Flat Keys.

Thefundamental note, called the toniciorkey-note, of a composition is either in the major, or minor mode. An exposition of the scale in each mode, will hest explain their efsential difference.
Ascerding and descending scale

N.B. The intervals inthis scale are in their simple state; but in the following, they are an octave higher, and are called compound intervals; still retaining their names of 2 d $3.4^{\text {d }} .4$ © as in their simple state. The figure 1 , stands for a note of the same pitch, called unison: this last remark is confined to the foregoing example.

Ascending and descemling scale


The first difference, which strikes the eye, is, that in the major-key, the se -- mitone lies between the $33^{d}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$, and betreen the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$. both ascending, and descending: whereas in the minor-kfy, it lies between the 2 . and $3^{d}$, and between the $7^{\text {th }}$. and $8^{\text {th }}$. ascending; but in descending, between the 2 . and 3 . and between the $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$. Authors vary, howerer, in regard to the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ of the minormode.

The essential andimmutable difference, therefore, between the major ul minorkey, is the interval of the 3 , which differs by asemitone; for if we a - nalvse the 3 . in the major-scale, it will be found to contain two whole tones; or forr seminitones: Ex:


Whereas the 3 . in the minor-scale, will be found to contain one whole tone with a se mitone; or three semitones.

Example


[^3]Now, the last, and if a chord, the sowest note of the bafs, in every regular composition, is the $\operatorname{meq-note}$; let the contents then of the first full bar be examined, (treble and bafs); where, if the 3 , be major, the piece is said to be in scochakey major.

Example of a conclusion:

the last and lowest
note of the bafs is $F$.
the 3 . of $F$, which is $A$ in the first full bar, is major: therefore the piece is in $F$ major.

Exumple of Aminor ending.

N.B. Sometimes a composition in the minor modemay hive amajor ending; for which reason, it is safer to examine the beginning, in order to determine the mode.

Let the Pupil remember, that thenateral major-key is C; and the natural minor-key is $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$; which latter is called therflative mivor to the former;and that every major-key has its relative minorin the same proportion, name! one tone and semitone UNDER; as will be shown in the collection of scales.

Explanation of Various Terms.
The degree of rlocity in every composition is ascertained by some Italian word or words prefixed to it: as Adagioy Poco Alefgro, duc. We shall annex a list of the terms mostly in use; beginning by the scowest degree, which is Adagio; and gradually proceeding to the quickest, which is Prestissimo.

1 Adagio
2 Grave
; Latio

+ Lento
j) Larghetto
6 Andantino
7 Andante
8 Allegretto
9 Moderato
10 'Iempo gitusto
11 Mafetcoso
12 Con commodo
13 Allegro
14
15 Vivace
15 Con spirito

16 Spiritoso
17 Con Brio
18 Con Fuoco
19 Presto
20 Prestinsimó

Various other terms are sometimes added to the preceding, in order to yodify or extend their meaning, as: Non Troppo Allegro, not too quickac.

We shall subjoin some of the most common, with their explanation.
Miolto, dimolto, or Assai, very. Nontroppo, not toomuch. Un poco, a little. Quasi, almost. Pié, more. Meno, lefs. Piútosto, rather. Sempre, always. Ma, but. Con, with. Senza, without. Minuettoras TEMPO di ballo, dancing-minuet time.

To determine more particularly the style of performing, some of the fol -- lowing terms are also used: Mesto, or Flebile, in melancholy style.

Cantabile, in a singing and gracefulmanner. Affettuoso, in an af _ $\because$ fecting and tender manner. Grazioso, in a graceful and elegant manner. Con moto, with a certain degree of vivacity. $B_{\text {Rithante, with brilliancy and }}$ spirit. Aggitato, agitated; with pafsion and fire. Conespressione, or $\operatorname{con} A N I M A$, with exprefsion; that is, with pafsionate feeling; where every note has its pectiar force and energy; and where even the severity of time may be re -

- laxed for extraordinary effects. Scherzando, in a playful and light manner. Sostenuto, to sustain, or hold on, the notes their full length. Tenuto, or ab -- breviated this, tan: to hold a note its full length. A tempo, in strict time. Ad Libitum, at pleasure or discretion, with regard to time; introducing in certain cases an embellishment. Tempo primo, or Primotempo, in the original time. Rallentando or Ritabdando, gradually slackening the time.

Smorzando, ivorendo or Pfrdendosi, extinguishing gradually the sound, 'till it be almost lost. Calando, or mancando, diminishing by degrees the sound, or slackening almost imperceptibly the time; or both. D. Capo, abbreviated thus: D.C., to return to, and end with; the first strain. Volit subito or V.S. turn over quickly. The Latin word $B_{i s}$, means twice; it is generally placed over a pafsage witinin a curve line, which denotes the extent of the repeat.

## F I NGERING.

To produce the best effect, by the easiest means, is the great lasis of the art of fingerincr. Themfect, being of the highest importance, is finst consulted; the way to accomplish it is then devised; and that mode of fin --gering is preferred which gives the best effect, tho' not always the ea-- siest to the pertiomer. But the combinations of notes being almost infinite, the art of fingering will best be taught by examples.

## PRELIMINARY DIRECTIONS.

The hand and arm should be held in an horizontal position; neither depref's .. ing nor raising the wrist: the seat should therefore be adjusted accordingly. 'Ths fingers and thumb should be placed over the keys, always zeady to strike; bendingr
the fingers in, more or lefs in proportion to their length. All unnecefsary motion must be avoided.

Let the pupil now begin to practise, slowiy at first, the following pafsage; ob, - serving to keep down the first key 'till the second has been struck, and so on.

The + is for the thumb, and $1,2,3,4$, for the succeeding fingers.
Right
Hand

and so on, a great many times.

N.B. Let every note be played even, in regard to time; and with equal strength.

Scales in all the Major keys, with their relative Minors; which ought to be practised daily.


N.B. The 镄 means that the double sharp is taken away, and that the note is to be played with a single sharp. The single tlat is reinstated in a similar manner, after the double flat, as we have before remarked.


Clementi's Introd:
 the Scale of semi -

- tones for the right hand:

and for the left hand.

N.B. The semitones are to be fingered in the same way, ascending and descending.


## General Remarks on the foregoing Scales.

The right hand has the thumb on the кEx-note or tonic, and on the $4^{\text {th }}$ of the key-note, in the following major and minorkeys: $C, G, D, A, E$, and $B$.

In all major keys with one or more flats, the thumb is put on $C$, and $F$.
 following major and minor keys: $F, C, G, D, A$, and $E$.

In the major keys of $B b, E b, A b$, and $D b$, the thumb is put on the $3^{\text {d }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ of the key.

N.B. The $\overparen{4+}$ means that after striking $C$ with the $4{ }^{2}$ fingur, the thumb is shifted on the key without striking th. Its a similar mamery the dot band thes:


Which mode of ingering should be mach practised in various ways, the eveatoStyle requiring it very frequently.

Cracents retron:

The shakes shoull be pratised with every finger, not excluding the thumb; and upon the short as well as long keys.









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But when wanted
legato, thus:





㨁 entutatituty Most of the pafsages fingered for the right hand, hay by the ingenuity and industry of the pupil, become model's for the left.

Clem^nti' Introd:

20 To preverve the ond of ker, home of the difficult are intermixed with the
 20.21.2 2. 23. 25. 26.29. 30.31 ke.

PRELUDE 89

 melancholy:
by Moziart.
 Air, in Atalanta; by Handel.



Clementi's Introd:


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